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1961 HOMECOMING

Theme Emphasizes NSC Accomplishments

ADDING BEAUTY to the pageantry of the 1961 Homecoming activities at Northwestern State College on Nov. 4 will be these lovely young ladies of the Homecoming Court. Exhibiting their charms on the steps of Caldwell Hall are: (left to right) Sammye Sanford of Ville Platte; Delaris Smith, Church Point; Marsha Pratte, Bossier City; Martha Shray, New Iberia; Leah Storey, Monterey; Peggy Watson, Pollock; Thellie Levee, Tallulah, and the Homecoming Queen, Peggy Swar of Shreveport.

"Northwestern: The Oldest State College with the Newest Ideas" is the theme of the annual Northwestern State College Homecoming which has been set for Saturday, November 4.

Committees are working under the direction of Alumni Secretary Joe W. Webb, and a full-day of smooth-running activities awaits former students who return to the campus for the annual event. Graduates being honored this year are those from the classes of 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, and the spring and summer graduates of 1961.

In support of the 1961 theme Webb pointed to the academic achievements of Northwestern, which has grown from two-year teacher training program into the multi-function institution it is today.

Northwestern can boast of many "firsts" and quite a few "onlys." NSC was the first of the State Colleges to offer graduate degrees, having received approval for the establishment of the Graduate School by the State Board of Education and the State Legislature in 1954 and enrolling the first graduate students in the spring semester of 1955.

In conjunction with the Graduate School, NSC was the first to initiate a program of counselor-education. Through the facilities of the Counseling Center in Warren Easton Hall, guidance services are rendered to the public schools in the area. This service, conducted jointly by the State Department of Education and Northwestern, is still the only college in the State providing this service.

Northwestern became the first white college in the State to offer nursing, with the opening of the Department of Nursing in 1949, which was established at the request of health leaders in Shreveport. This department grew at a rapid pace and became the NSC School of Nursing in 1953. The School became the first four-year white collegiate school in Louisiana and was the first of programs to be accorded national recognition by being fully accredited by the National League for Nursing. It is the only collegiate school of nursing in the State accredited by

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President Kyser's Words of Welcome

Dear Alumni:

Today's bright sunshine and crisp air remind us that early November provides Louisiana the very peak of wonderful fall weather. This background gives added zest to the most cordial invitation ever for all Alumni to attend the 1961 Homecoming on November 4. A gala and meaningful program is being planned for you. From all of us on campus: COME EARLY AND STAY LATE!

It is especially fitting that all alumni of all colleges throughout the land should demonstrate current interest in their colleges. The problems that confront institutions of higher education are exceeded only by their opportunities to serve all Americans and many others. In Louisiana, Northwestern State College's high quality of service over more than three-quarters of a century provides a backlog for justifiable pride in achievement. This pride must not lead to inaction, and the glories of the past should be exceeded only by greater accomplishments in the years ahead.

We on the old "Hill" want to know your thoughts as well as to shake your hands. We hold that your thinking can be stimulated by experiencing the surge of feeling that comes from visiting your old haunts and friends. If you have not been on campus in a few years, we believe that you will enjoy comparing the old and the new. Your campus is still regarded as the loveliest in Louisiana and far beyond. Visitors invariably are warm in their praise of the open friendliness which they discover here.

Come and see and feel the warmth of the welcome that awaits you.

Sincerely,

JOHN S. KYSER

1961 HOMECOMING PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—Alumni Coffee and Registration
Varnado Drawing Room

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
Alumni Office

10:00 a. m.—Homecoming Parade

10:15 a. m.—NSC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Alumni Office

11:00 a. m.—Dedication of Fournet Hall
Chemistry and Physics Building

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Alumni Luncheon, St. Denis Cafeteria

1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.—Pre-Game Ceremonies

2:00 p.m.—Football Game, NSC vs. McNeese, Demon Stadium

After the Game—"N" Club Grads Get-together, VFW Home, Touline St.

Open Space—Fraternities and Sororities

8:00 p.m.-1:00—Alumni Dance, Student Center

Contenders for Conference Title

RELEGATED in pre-season coaches' polls to the cellar of the Gulf States Conference, the 1961 Northwestern State College squad has raised a few eyebrows with five consecutive victories, one over GSC rival Northeast State. Utilizing three units, the Whites, Purples, and Blues, Coach Jack Clayton has played an average of 38 players in each game as the success of the Demons this season has been a real team effort. Inexperienced freshmen and sophomores have gained valuable experience in early season games and should make a fine contribution to the overall effort in later season games.

THE COACHING STAFF

Alvin (Cracker) Brown
Assistant Coach

Jack Clayton
Head Coach and
Director of Athletics

Walter Ledet
Assistant Coach

Ernest (Slim) Howell
Assistant Coach

Gene Knecht
Graduate Assistant

For GSC Title

Homecoming Win Needed To Keep Demons In Race

McNeese State's Cowboys provide the opposition at the annual Homecoming this year in a game which should have an important bearing on the 1961 ranking of the Northwestern State College Demons in the Gulf States Conference.

Coach Jack Clayton instituted this season a three-team system, the Whites, Purples and Blues, and was quite successful as is evident from early season victories. At this writing the Demons have won handily over five opponents, Stephen F. Austin, Mexico Poly, Louisiana College, Northeast, and the University of Corpus Christi.

Members of the White unit are utilized on offense and defense, the Purples primarily on offense, and the Blues are a defensive unit. Clayton believes that this system has helped to develop freshmen and sophomore players and provides an additional bit of intra-squad competition. Each player seemed to approve his belonging to a unit and there is friendly rivalry among the three teams.

Although halfbacks Kenny Thompson and Glenn Talbert were leading rushers in early season, there were many other ball carriers demonstrating fine ability. Playing an average of 38 men each game, it is difficult to pick out individual stars.

Clayton's team this season was strong at all positions except guard, where losses from last season and injuries have posed a problem. However, his guards have played top football and have offset losses of personnel. This is true of the center position also, which was weakened by the loss of Jerry Wren, who broke an arm after three minutes of play in the first game.

Clayton and his assistants are proud of the performance of the Demon squad to date and the fine spirit they've displayed. Team effort has been more than a slogan for the 1961 team and is reflected in the weekly statistics. In the first four games they had established an improved record over 1960 when injuries handicapped several outstanding ball carriers and resulted in close defeats to a topnotch squad.

MRS. JACK D. WATT, the former Sue Marshall, of Belcher, and a 1906 graduate of Louisiana Normal, was a recent visitor to the campus. She was impressed with the many changes that have been brought about since her college days 55 years ago. Mrs. Watt is now residing at 4320 Highland Ave., Shreveport, and plans to attend Homecoming, Nov. 4.

Department Plans 50th Year Events

The Department of Home Economics at Northwestern State College is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year with several special events which are expected to appeal to students, alumnae, and others.

All Home Economics alumnae are invited to attend a noon luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2. This affair will be held on the same day as the annual Natchitoches Christmas festival.

Other forthcoming events include the home economics banquet on April 26 and an open house in the Home Economics Building on May 10. On Oct. 12 the department held a reception which honored the new home economics freshmen.

NORTHWESTERN'S CONTRIBUTION in the area of feminine beauty at the Northwestern-Louisiana Tech game in State Fair Stadium Saturday, Oct. 21, were these members of the NSC State Fair Court. Members of the court were, left to right: Peggy Arwood, Bossier City; Frances Starey, Monterey; Jerry Ann Richardson, Haynesville; Patsy Lowderback, Shreveport; QUEEN Leah Starey, Monterey; Charlotte McCalla, Shreveport; Jan Paul, Ferriday; and Chris Newsome, Leesville.

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the NLN for preparing graduates as public health nurses and ranks among the top forty schools in size in the entire country.

The Department of Industrial Education became the first in the State to offer a degree program. This department was also the first to establish a graphic arts program and the first to offer a specialty in manual arts therapy, through cooperation with Veterans' hospitals.

The Department of Bacteriology was the first in the State to receive radio-active isotopes for research purposes, having only recently completed its storage vault. This Department, through its cooperation with the Northwest Louisiana Diagnostic Laboratory, located in Natchitoches, and the Louisiana Livestock Sanitation Commission has made valuable contributions in the field of brucellosis research. This research program received national recognition with the reading of its findings at the annual convention of the Society of American Bacteriologists in Philadelphia in May of 1960.

In the fall of 1959, with the authorization of the State Department of Education, Northwestern initiated an experimental program for academically superior high school seniors. To date, 31 Natchitoches High School seniors have participated in this program and have successfully completed college courses ranging from freshmen English and social studies to analytical geometry and calculus. At present, 12 seniors are participating in the program.

These are not all of the achievements of the College, but, rather, are representative of the progress being made in the diversified "halls on the Hill." The College presently consists of four undergraduate schools—Applied Arts and Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Nursing—and the Graduate School and offers work in practically all major fields of study.

The best summation is perhaps: Although an old dog, Northwestern has learned some new tricks and is still leading the pack.

CHARLES REGINALD GATES, now 18 months old, is the pride and joy of his parents, Reginald and Mary (Clark) Gates, BA '53. They are living at 1413 Mason Smith Ave., Metairie, La., and hope some of their friends will call upon them when they have an opportunity to visit the Crescent City.

Cupid's Doings

Saturday, Aug. 5, in St. James Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Miss Patricia Ann Webster (BS in Nursing, '59) and Robert Leslie Jackson spoke their wedding vows. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Kay Chevalier and H. L. Hawthorne, both '61 graduates, were married Aug. 6 in the Glenmora Harmony Baptist Church.

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Elmer was the scene of the wedding of Miss Claudette Charlene Stokes, BA '61, and Charles David Powell, senior, Aug. 5.

In a double-ring ceremony in the chapel of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church of Shreveport, Aug. 10, Miss Margaret Richardson became the bride of Charles Jerry Lott, BS '60, MS '61. Jerry is coaching at Sarepta High.

Miss Ann Elizabeth Stewart, BA '60, and Arthur Martin James, senior student, were married Aug. 10 in the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches.

Two '61 graduates, Miss Fannie Carroll Houston and Winston Ray Youngblood, were united in marriage in the New Sarepta Baptist Church on Aug. 12. They are both teaching in Caddo Parish.

Miss Marie Cleo Stafford, BS '60, and Robert Claude LaCour exchanged wedding vows in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Alexandria on Aug. 12. They are teaching in Lafayette.

On Aug. 12, in Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches, Miss Marie Elizabeth Minturn, BA '58, became the bride of the Rev. Alan Dean Calcote. After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple went to New York City, where he will do graduate study.

A mid-August bride was Miss Sylvia Joan Whatley, BS '61, when she exchanged vows with Gary Keith Nevils, student. They live in Houma, where she teaches in Houma Junior High School.

Making their home in Conroe, Texas, are the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Ray Parker, following their marriage on Aug. 18 in the Ida Baptist Church. She is the former Roma Diana Anthony, BS in Nursing, '60.

Miss Roberta Yvonne Bromley and Donald Gene Witty, both recent graduates, exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony in Mary Calderwood Bolton Memorial chapel of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, on Aug. 18. They reside at 612 Eucalyptus Street, Port Allen, La.

The wedding of Kathleen Marie Feltmann and Roy Thomas Holland, both '61 graduates of N.S.C., was solemnized Aug. 19, in the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church of New Orleans.

In the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Glen L. Lanier, in Glenmora, Miss Annette Fern Boone, BA '61, and John Thomas Rougeou exchanged wedding vows Aug. 19. The bridegroom is serving with the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C.

LOUISIANA DOCUMENTS

ALUMNI HERE 'N' THERE

CHARLES T. HALL, president of the Alumni Association is the newly elected secretary of the Shreveport-Bossier Board of Realtors.

MRS. MARY EVELYN PARKER (nee Mary Evelyn Dickerson), BA '41, was the principal speaker recently in Shreveport, at a "Know Your Government" luncheon. Mrs. Parker is the Commissioner, Dept. of Public Welfare for Louisiana.

REV. DUDLEY DOWNING, BS '51, is pastor of the Gretna First Baptist Church.

MRS. ELIZABETH VERDEL WEESS, 2 yr. '21 and BA '31, of Jackson, Miss., has asked to be put on our mailing list for the Alumni Columns.

MRS. LOLA BROWN DUDLEY, 2 yr. '23, visited the Alumni Office recently. She has been with the University of Houston for the past eighteen years, in the capacity of administrative assistant in the College of Education.

FRANCIS A. ZAPATKA, MS '61, has been appointed to the position of bacteriologist at the New Orleans District Office of the Food and Drug Administration.

C. L. STARNES, BS '42, has been promoted from coach to principal of McKowen High School, and was succeeded by AL NICOSIA, BS '50 and M. Ed. '60.

HUDSON S. JOHNSTON, AB '33, long-time principal of Benton High School, was appointed to a supervisory post, with the central office staff of the Bossier Parish School Board. This position was left vacant by the untimely death of E. L. REDING, a former student of Northwestern. WILLIAM L. SUDDUTH, AB '26, assistant principal of Benton High School for the past fifteen years, has accepted the position of principal of the high school.

MRS. EDITH WANDS TURNER, graduate of 1901, is a retired teacher living in Roseland. Also living in Roseland is MRS. LOIS CHOPIN ADAMS, graduate of 1903. She is a retired postmaster.

MRS. SAMMY DYSON, BS '49, the former June Wallace, is now Associate Home Demonstration Agent in Lincoln Parish.

GANATA JO NETTLES and ADDIE HUCKABY are continuing graduate study at LSU in home economics, where Miss Nettles has been awarded an assistantship in marketing research. Both graduated from NSC in '60.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 12, 1960 through October 12, 1961

ASSETS

CURRENT:			
Cash in City Bank			$ 339.06
Stocks and Bonds:			
Progressive Mutual Building & Loan		$2,800.00	
First Federal Savings & Loan		10,500.00	
Ouachita Savings & Loan		1,000	
Home Savings & Loan		1,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Bonds		3,500.00	18,800.00
Notes Receivable			4,399.83
FIXED:			
Furniture and Fixtures			2,150.00
			$25,688.89

NET WORTH

Northwestern State College Alumni Association	$25,688.89

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Cash in Bank, October 12, 1960		$ 145.21	
RECEIPTS:			
Collections on loans	$1,815.25		
Interest and dividends	686.19		
Dues collected	3,368.50		
Insurance premiums collected	27.67	5,897.61	$6,342.85
EXPENDITURES:			
Loans	3,174.00		
Refunds on dues	4.00		
Insurance on premiums paid	7.84		
Investments	2,000.00		
Surety bond	25.00		
Expenses, Alumni Meeting (J. W. Webb)	150.00		
Safety box rent	4.48		
Board meeting expenses	232.30		
L.T.A. Coffee	25.17		
American Alumni Council dues	80.00		$6,003.79
Cash in bank, October 12, 1961			$ 339.06

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THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

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MR. J. W. WEBB
N. S. C. Alumni Ass'n
Natchitoches, Louisiana

I shall be at the Homecoming on Saturday, November 4, and would like to reserve _____ tickets for the Alumni Luncheon. The following people will come with me:

Signed: _____

Address: _____

(Please give address so tickets may be mailed to you.)

Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. Del Holmes, BS '57, announce the arrival of a daughter, Constance Delphine, on Aug. 9, weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Mrs. Holmes is the former Sadie Basco.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Zabasky, BS '58, announce the birth of a daughter, Kahne Louise, on July 22, weighing 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Mrs. Zabasky is the former Lynette Ford, who also attended NSC. They have two other children, Thomas Kent, 4, and Melanie Yvonne, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Paul Shaddinger, '48 (Maxell Williamson) and sister Shasta Ann, announce the arrival of Scott Paul, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobson (Louise Greer, Nursing, '57) announce the birth of a son, Andrew Mark, June 10, weighing 5 lbs., 12 ozs. 19-month-old Valerie Denise is quite proud of her baby brother.

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